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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/474,435

Filed: December 28, 1999

Title: *Arabidopsis thaliana* Genome Sequence and Uses Thereof

Applicants: CAO *et al.*

Atty. Docket: 16517.044

Sir:

Please provide us with the status of the above-referenced patent application. It has been over 30 months since this application was filed and Applicants have not yet received an Office Action.

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